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In the Matter of the Search of
(Name, address or brief description of person, property or premises to be searched)

**APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT
FOR SEARCH WARRANT**

DEPUTY

3636 LOGAN AVENUE
SAN DIEGO, CA

Case Number:

'07 MJ 2577

I, Special Agent Leslie C. Tomaich being duly sworn depose and say:

I am a(n) Special Agent for the Drug Enforcement Administration and have reason to believe
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that ☐ on the person of or ☒ on the property or premises known as (name, description and/or location)

See Attachment A.

in the SOUTHERN District of CALIFORNIA

there is now concealed a certain person or property, namely (describe the person or property to be seized)

See Attachment B.

which is (state one or more bases for search and seizure set forth under Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure)

Evidence of a crime and property used in committing a crime; contraband, fruits of a crime, and things criminally possessed;
and property designed or intended for use or which is or has been used as a means of committing a criminal offense.

concerning a violation of Title 21 / 18 United States code, Section(s) 841, 843, 846, 952, 960, 963 / 1956

The facts to support a finding of probable cause are as follows:

See attached Affidavit of Special Agent Leslie C. Tomaich

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Leslie C. Tomaich
Signature of Affiant

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

October 29, 2007
Date

at San Diego, California
City State

William McCurine, Jr. U.S. Magistrate Judge
Name of Judge Title of Judge

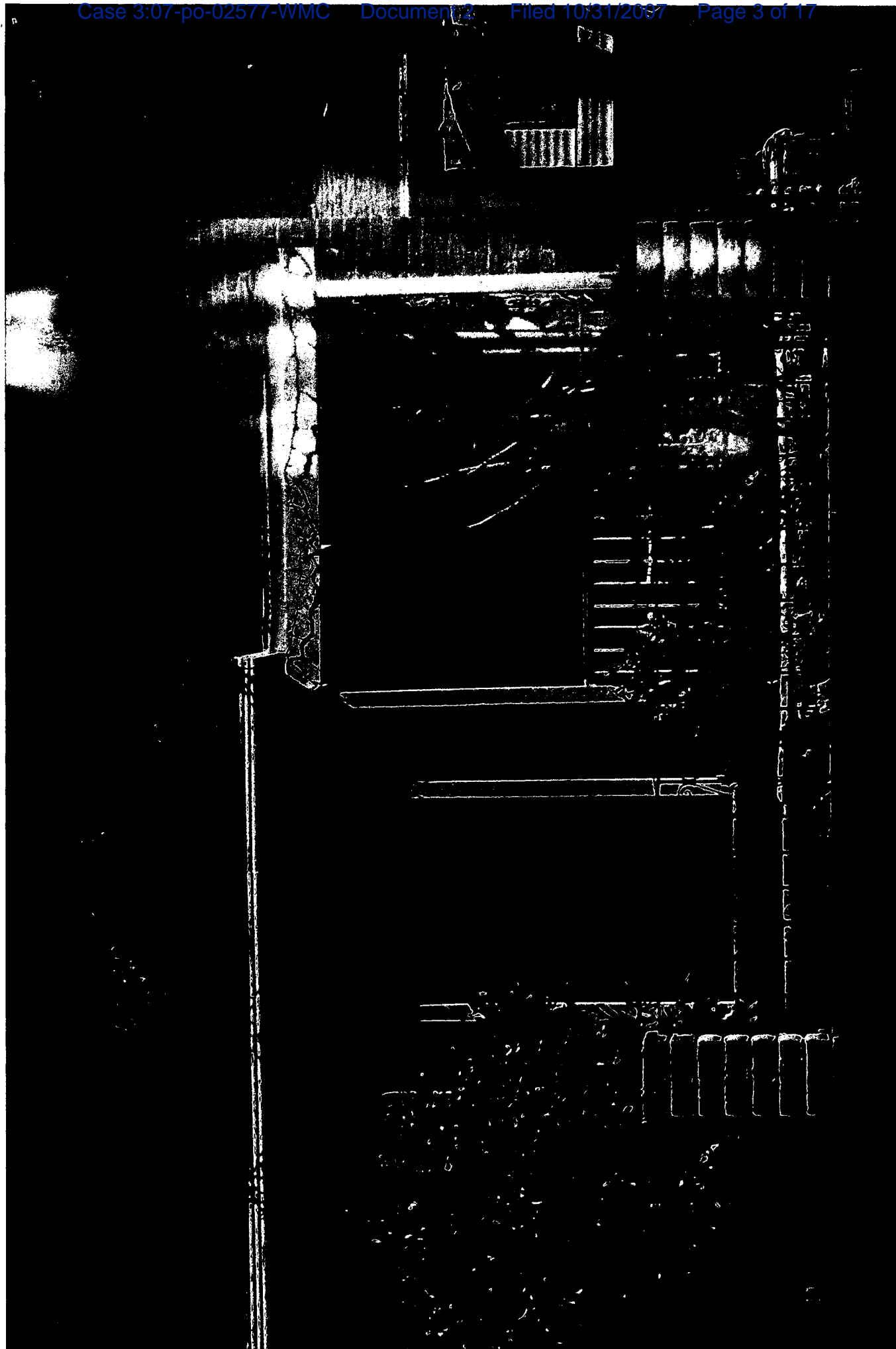
William McCurine, Jr.
Signature of Judge

ATTACHMENT A

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO BE SEARCHED

The premises located at 3636 Logan Avenue, San Diego, California is a single story residence located on the north side of Logan Avenue. A photograph of 3636 Logan Avenue, San Diego, California is attached. 3636 Logan Avenue is a light gray stucco building with stone affixed around the front door. The numbers "3636" are black in color and visibly located on the front of the residence next to the front door.

The search shall include all rooms, attics, crawl spaces, safes, briefcases, storage areas, containers, garages, sheds, carports, storage facilities and containers such as safes, vaults, file cabinets, drawers, luggage, briefcases, valises, boxes, jewelry boxes, cans, bags, purses, trash cans and vehicles located on or near the premises, that are owned or under the control of the occupants of such premises, evidenced by prior surveillance, possession of keys, maintenance paper work, title, insurance papers, or registration for such vehicles in the name of the occupants including the a silver Mercedes bearing California license plate 5WKL002, and the black Land Rover which may bear no license plate or may bear California license plate number 6AIC819.



ATTACHMENT B

ITEMS TO BE SEIZED

1. Documents containing data reflecting or memorializing the ordering, possession, purchase, storage, distribution, transportation and sale of controlled substances, including buyer lists, seller lists, pay-owe sheets, records of sales, log books, drug ledgers, personal telephone/address books containing the names of purchasers and suppliers of controlled substances, electronic organizers, Rolodexes, telephone bills, telephone answering pads, bank and financial records, and storage records, such as storage locker receipts and safety deposit box rental records and key.
2. Money, assets, and evidence of assets derived from or used in the purchase of controlled substances and records thereof, including but not limited to United States currency, negotiable instruments and financial instruments including stocks and bonds, and deeds to real property, books, receipts, records, bank statements and records, business records, money drafts, money order and cashiers checks receipts, passbooks, bank checks, safes and records of safety deposit boxes and storage lockers.
3. Weapons, firearms, firearms accessories, body armor, and ammunition and documents relating to the purchase and/or possession of such items.
4. Documents and articles of personal property reflecting the identity of persons occupying, possessing, residing in, owning, frequenting or controlling the premises to be searched or property therein, including keys, rental agreements and records, property acquisition records, utility bills and receipts, photographs, answering machine tape recordings; telephone, vehicle and/or vessel records, canceled mail envelopes, correspondence, financial documents such as tax returns, bank records, safety deposit box records, canceled checks, and other records of income and expenditure, credit card records, travel documents, personal identification documents and documents relating to obtaining false identification including birth certificates, drivers license, immigration cards and other forms of identification which the same would use other names and identities other than his or her own.
5. All incoming telephone calls received at the residence during the execution of the search warrant and all calls received on cellular telephones found during the execution of the warrant.
6. Devices used to conduct counter-surveillance against law enforcement, such as radio scanners, police radios, surveillance cameras and monitors and recording devices and cameras.
7. Photographs and video and audio recordings which document an association with other coconspirators and/or which display narcotics, firearms, or money and proceeds from narcotics transactions.
8. Police radio scanners, pagers, cellular telephones, facsimile machines, telephone answering machines, Caller ID system, and prepaid telephone cards.
9. Travel documents including itineraries, airline tickets, boarding passes, motel and hotel receipts, rental car receipts, passports and visas, credit card receipts, shipping and receiving documents relating to the delivery of packages.
10. Banking and financial institution records, bank statements, credit card statements, canceled checks, money orders, deposit slips, orders for or receipt of money transfer by wire, checking and saving books, financial institution statements, safe deposit boxes, loan statements, tax returns, business and personal ledgers, and accounting records.

- 1 11. Records relating to the lease of storage lockers, telephone/address directories and other papers
2 containing telephone numbers and addresses.
- 3 12. Records related to the purchase of real estate, vehicles, precious metals, jewelry and other
4 tangible assets.
- 5 13. Automotive parts and devices used to create clandestine compartments to hide large quantities
6 of drugs and/or currency.
- 7 14. Digital storage devices including: floppy disk, CD ROMS, DVD ROMS, magnetic tapes,
8 magnet optical cartridges, personal digital assistance, pagers, money chips, thumb drives, jump
9 drives, flash drives, portable hard drives and computers containing hard drives. All electronic
10 devices, such as computers, which include the central processing units, internal and external
11 devices, internal and external storage equipment or media, terminals or video display units,
12 together with peripheral equipment, such as keyboards, printers, modems, and programmable
13 telephone dialing devices, and operating system software, program software, applications
14 software, manuals for the software and hardware, electronic organizers, or personal digital
15 assistants and computer discs and CD's, cellular telephones and SIM cards. All seized
16 computers shall be returned to the defendants or the defendant's agent within 10 calendar days.
17 If agents need more time than 10 days to complete the mirror imaging, the Government will seek
18 from the Court an extension of time within which to return the applicable devices and/or
19 equipment.
- 20 15. With respect to any and all electronically stored information in cellular phones and PDAs, agents
21 may access, record, and seize the following:
 - 22 a. telephone numbers of incoming/outgoing calls stored in the call registry;
 - 23 b. Digital, cellular, and/or telephone numbers and/or direct connect numbers,
24 names and identities stored in the directories;
 - 25 c. Any incoming/outgoing text messages relating to controlled substances offenses under
26 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 843(b), 846, 952, 960, 963, and money laundering offenses
27 under 18 U.S.C. § 1956;
 - 28 d. telephone subscriber information;
 - e. the telephone numbers stored in the cellular telephone and/or PDA; and
 - f. any other electronic information in the stored memory and/or accessed by the active
electronic features of the digital or cellular phone including but not limited to
photographs, videos, e-mail, and voice mail relating to controlled substances offenses
under 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 843(b), 846, 952, 960, 963, and money laundering
offenses under 18 U.S.C. § 1956.

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF SEARCH WARRANT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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I, Leslie C. Tomaich, being duly sworn, declare and state:

1. I make this affidavit in support of an application for a search warrant in furtherance of a narcotics and money laundering investigation conducted by special agents of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") for the premises located at 3636 Logan Avenue, San Diego, California (hereafter the "Target Location") described further in Attachment A.

2. The purpose of the search warrant is to seize (1) property that constitutes evidence of the commission of controlled substances offenses under 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 843(b), 846, 952, 960, and 963, firearm offenses under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(5), and money laundering offenses under 18 U.S.C. § 1956, (2) contraband, fruits of crime or things otherwise criminally possessed, and (3) property designed or intended for use or which is or has been used as a means of committing a criminal offense.

3. The information contained in this affidavit is based on my own investigation, oral and written reports by other law enforcement officers, physical and electronic surveillance, court-authorized intercepted calls, interviews with sources of information, subpoenaed and public records, vehicle records from the California Department of Motor Vehicles ("DMV"), database checks, searches, phone analysis, and other investigations. Conversations below are set forth in substance unless noted, and most call descriptions are based on summaries prepared by Spanish-speaking monitors, not final transcripts. My interpretations of coded language are set forth in brackets [] and the interpretations are based on multiple sources of information, the context provided from other calls, and agent experience. The dates and times in this affidavit are approximate. Since this affidavit is for a limited purpose, I have not included every fact I know about this investigation.

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EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

4. I am a Special Agent with the DEA and have been so employed since February 1998. I am presently assigned to the San Diego Field Division. I have received 16 weeks of training at the Drug Enforcement Administration Academy located in Quantico, Virginia, where I became familiar with how controlled substances are consumed, manufactured, packaged, marketed and distributed. I have investigated street-level distributors to large-scale organizations, and I have been involved in a number of undercover investigations. I have used many investigative techniques. For example, I have interviewed and operated numerous informants; I have conducted numerous searches, arrests, interviews, and physical and electronic surveillances; and I have participated in money laundering investigations. I have monitored or overheard numerous calls or meetings between informants or undercover agents and drug traffickers. I have also worked and consulted with numerous law enforcement officers experienced in drug investigations. As a result, I am familiar with how drug traffickers speak to each other and generally conduct business. For example, I am aware that drug traffickers discussing criminal matters over the phone often speak in code or vaguely. This training and experience forms the basis for the opinions expressed below.

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BASIS FOR EVIDENCE SOUGHT IN SEARCH WARRANT

5. Through my training, experience, debriefings with numerous drug traffickers, and consultation with other DEA special agents and law enforcement officers, I have learned that:

a. Individuals involved in drug trafficking maintain documents and other records related to their illicit business at their residence. Specifically, individuals involved in drug trafficking often maintain drug ledgers in order to keep track of their share of proceeds, and the purchasing, storage, distribution, and transportation of drugs. Even after the drugs are sold, documentary records and ledgers are often maintained for long periods of time to memorialize past transactions, record the status of the accounts receivable and accounts payable, and maintain the names, telephone numbers, and contact information for suppliers, customers, and co-conspirators. In my experience, residences and premises

1 used by drug traffickers often contain documents and articles of personal property evidencing the
2 identity of person(s) occupying, possessing, residing in, owning, frequenting or controlling the residence
3 and premises.

4 b. Individuals involved in drug trafficking must often rely on others to obtain their
5 drugs and to help them market the drugs. Frequently, drug traffickers maintain evidence of the
6 identities of these co-conspirators at their residence.

7 c. Individuals involved in drug trafficking often store articles of personal property
8 evidencing the identity of persons occupying, possessing, residing in, owning, frequenting or
9 controlling the premises or property therein.

10 d. Individuals involved in drug trafficking often take photographs of themselves,
11 their associates, their property, and their controlled substances. Drug traffickers often maintain these
12 photographs at their residences or in their vehicles. Therefore, I am requesting permission to search the
13 residences listed within this warrant and it's attachment(s) for and to seize photographs that law
14 enforcement agents determine to be of evidentiary value.

15 e. Individuals involved in drug trafficking commonly earn income in the form of
16 cash and try to legitimize these profits. In order to do this, traffickers frequently attempt to secrete,
17 transfer, and conceal the money by means, including, but not limited to: placing assets in names other
18 than their own to avoid detection while maintaining control; laundering the money through what appears
19 to be legitimate businesses; hiding money in their homes, safes, and safety deposit boxes; or using the
20 money to buy assets which are difficult to trace. Records of these and other types of transactions are
21 often found at the residences of individuals involved in drug trafficking.

22 f. Individuals involved in drug trafficking often keep and maintain large amounts
23 of bulk United States currency at their residence. Such funds are often used for everyday expenditures
24 and to maintain and finance their ongoing drug business. Additionally, individuals involved in drug
25 trafficking often amass and maintain assets at their residence which were generated by their drug
26 trafficking activities, or purchased with the cash earned from such drug trafficking.

1 g. Individuals involved in drug trafficking often maintain weapons, firearms, and
2 ammunition on their persons or in their residence. Such weapons and firearms are used, and can be
3 used, as an instrumentality of the crime of possession and distribution of drugs. Furthermore, I am
4 aware of instances in which drug traffickers have maintained such items in their residences in order to
5 protect themselves and guard their drugs and drug profits, as well as for enforcement purposes during
6 their drug dealings.

7 h. Individuals involved in drug trafficking use cellular telephones, personal digital
8 assistants (PDAs), and pagers and maintain these items on their person and/or in their residences. Drug
9 traffickers use cell phones, PDAs, and pagers to increase their mobility, coordinate illicit activities, and
10 to provide the drug traffickers with instant access to phone calls and voice messages. The cell phone
11 enables drug dealers to maintain contact with drug associates, drug suppliers, and drug customers.
12 Cellular telephones and PDAs contain wire and electronic data concerning telephonic contact, text
13 messages, and electronic mail messages with co-conspirators, as well as telephone books containing
14 contact information for co-conspirators. Members of drug trafficking and distribution organizations also
15 utilize cell phones and PDAs with photograph and video capabilities to take photographs and videos of
16 other members of drug trafficking and distribution organizations, drugs, money, and assets purchased
17 with drug proceeds. Members of drug trafficking and distribution organizations also utilize cell phones,
18 and PDAs with photograph and video capabilities to take photographs and videos of other members of
19 drug trafficking and distribution organizations, drugs, money, and assets purchased with drug proceeds.

20 i. Individuals engaging in drug transportation often use computers to communicate
21 with co-conspirators by means of electronic mail ("e-mail"), for the storage of records such as drug
22 transactions, drug proceeds or assets, contact information for co-conspirators, customers, and suppliers,
23 and to maintain digital photographs, and/or audio and video recordings related to drug transactions.
24 Moreover, I know that digital evidence can be stored on a variety of systems and storage devices
25 including: hard disk drives, floppy disk, CD ROMS, DVD ROMS, magnetic tapes, magneto optical
26 cartridges, personal digital assistance, pagers, money chips, thumb drives, flash drives, and portable hard
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1 drives. Therefore, I am requesting permission to seize computers, including printers, monitors,
2 keyboards, scanners, and all forms of media storage that may be found at the residence.

3 j. Individuals involved in drug trafficking often utilize radio scanners, police radios
4 and other electronic equipment in order to conduct counter-surveillance upon law enforcement
5 authorities, and usually maintain these items on their person and/or their residence.

6 k. Individuals involved in drug trafficking often drive vehicles that are registered
7 in the names of other people and use these vehicles to store and transport narcotics and bulk United
8 States currency.

9 6. It is also my opinion and belief that the above-described documents and equipment are
10 permanently possessed by drug traffickers much the same way a legitimate business will maintain
11 records and tools of its trade whether or not the business has a particular item in inventory on a given
12 date. These documents and equipment are kept by drug traffickers whether or not the trafficker is in
13 possession of any drugs at any given moment. I believe that the seizure of such documents and
14 equipment will provide evidence of the events set forth in this affidavit and that such documents can be
15 found in the residence despite any lapse of the time between the events described and the anticipated
16 search pursuant to this warrant.

17 III

18 FACTS ESTABLISHING PROBABLE CAUSE

19 7. In November 2006, the DEA began investigating the methamphetamine trafficking
20 activities of Eduardo Barajas, Victor Ramos, and their associates. The Barajas/Ramos
21 methamphetamine trafficking group is primarily made up of street gang members, with several members
22 coming from the Shelltown 38th Street Gang, and others with ties to the Mexican Mafia prison gang.
23 During this investigation, DEA special agents obtained court-authorized federal wiretaps for telephones
24 used by Eduardo Barajas and Victor Ramos. Based on intercepted calls, surveillance, and statements
25 by sources of information, the Barajas/Ramos group distributed at least 25 pounds of methamphetamine
26 over a year period.

1 8. Victor Ramos, aka "V," is a Shelltown 38th Street gang member and Mexican Mafia
2 facilitator. Ramos is a 33-year-old Mexican Citizen with no legal right to reside in the United States.
3 Ramos was previously deported and removed from the United States. Ramos has 1990 juvenile
4 adjudication for attempted murder, a 2003 misdemeanor conviction for resisting a police officer, and
5 misdemeanor convictions for battery in 2003 and 2004.

6 Intercepted Calls and Surveillance

7 9. As set forth in more detail below, between February 7, 2007 and April 27, 2007, agents
8 intercepted over 100 pertinent telephone calls where Ramos discussed methamphetamine trafficking
9 with Barajas and others.

10 10. On February 17, 2007, agents intercepted a call where Barajas and Ricardo Madrigal (a
11 methamphetamine source of supply for Barajas and Ramos) discussed Ramos going to Madrigal's
12 residence to purchase one pound of methamphetamine. Madrigal told Barajas that Madrigal was going
13 to get "one" also, and that the guy was going to be bringing "four" for them to look at [agents believe
14 that Madrigal's methamphetamine source of supply was bringing four pounds of methamphetamine for
15 Madrigal and Ramos to look at, and both Madrigal and Ramos were each going to purchase one pound
16 of methamphetamine]. A couple of hours later, Madrigal called Barajas. Barajas said that Ramos and
17 Alejandro Velarde, who is Ramos' cousin and a co-conspirator in Barajas and Ramos methamphetamine
18 trafficking activities, had left Barajas' residence approximately fifteen minutes ago, and should be
19 arriving at Madrigal's residence at any time. Shortly thereafter, agents observed Ramos' vehicle parked
20 in the vicinity of Madrigal's residence. Agents observed Ramos and Velarde depart Madrigal's
21 residence in Ramos' vehicle and drive directly to 3636 Logan Avenue, San Diego, California.

22 11. On March 5, 2007, several calls were intercepted between Barajas and Ramos regarding
23 a methamphetamine deal. Ramos was supposed to pick up one half pound of methamphetamine from
24 Julio Jimenez at Jimenez's residence located at 364 Kingswood Street, San Diego, California. Agents
25 established surveillance in the area of 364 Kingswood Street. Agents observed Ramos arrive at 364
26 Kingswood Street driving a silver Mercedes bearing California license plate number 5WKL002. Agents
27 observed Ramos enter the residence. During the time Ramos was in the residence, a call was intercepted
28 between Barajas and Ramos. Barajas wanted to know if it was the correct quantity. Ramos told Barajas

1 that he would check the weight of the methamphetamine later. Moments later, agents observed Ramos
2 exit the residence and depart the location in the silver Mercedes. Agents surveilled Ramos return to
3 3636 Logan Avenue, San Diego, California.

4 12. On March 29, 2007, agents intercepted between Jiminez and Ramos where Ramos
5 discussed purchasing a gun from Jiminez on behalf of an unidentified male for \$250. Jiminez told
6 Ramos that the firearm was "clean" and that Ramos did not have to worry that the gun was used in the
7 past for any shootings. Later that evening, agents observed a meeting between Ramos and Jiminez at
8 Ramos' residence. Moments after agents observed Jiminez depart Ramos' residence, a call was
9 intercepted between Ramos and the unidentified male. Ramos told the unidentified male that the gun
10 had arrived and the unidentified male could come to Ramos' residence, and pick the gun up.

11 Sources of Information

12 13. Agents have interviewed multiple sources of information who have corroborated
13 Ramos' methamphetamine trafficking activity. The sources of information have criminal histories that
14 include arrests and/or convictions for felony narcotics trafficking offenses, firearm convictions,
15 accessory, misdemeanor offenses, and traffic offenses. Agents have found the information provided by
16 the sources of information to be substantially reliable and corroborated by other information.

17 14. One source of information (hereafter referred to as "SOI-1") stated that he/she had known
18 Ramos since they were kids. SOI-1 said that Ramos has always been involved in gangs and distributing
19 methamphetamine and that Ramos had no legitimate employment.

20 15. Another source of information (hereafter referred to as "SOI-2") said that he/she has
21 known Ramos since they were kids. SOI-2 said that Ramos distributed methamphetamine for Barajas
22 and another individual. SOI-2 said that Ramos had never had legitimate employment and had been
23 involved in methamphetamine distribution for as long as SOI-2 had known Ramos. .

24 16. Another source of information (hereafter referred to as "SOI-3") said that he/she had had
25 known Ramos for several years. SOI-3 said that Barajas and Ramos were partners in their
26 methamphetamine distribution business. SOI-3 said that Barajas and Ramos were like brothers and had
27 grown up together. SOI-3 further said that Ramos did not have any legitimate employment.

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1 Ramos' Connection with the Target Location

2 17. Throughout this investigation, and as recently as October 15, 2007, agents have observed
3 Ramos at the target location at 3636 Logan Avenue, San Diego, California.

4 Vehicles Associated with Ramos and the Target Location

5 18. During surveillance, agents have observed two vehicles driven by, or associated with
6 Ramos that were parked at or near the target location at 3636 Logan Avenue, San Diego, California.
7 In particular, on March 5, 2007 and April 3, 2007, agents have observed Ramos drive a silver Mercedes
8 Benz bearing California license plate number 5WKL002, to pick up methamphetamine. In addition,
9 agents have observed this vehicle parked at the target location 3636 Logan Avenue on a regular basis.
10 An inquiry with the California DMV revealed that the Mercedes Benz is registered to Yessica
11 Hernandez of 3636 Logan Avenue, San Diego, California. During the methamphetamine pickup on
12 March 5, 2007, agents observed Yessica Hernandez in the passenger seat of the silver Mercedes.
13 Ramos has also been observed recently driving a black Land Rover, which does not have a license plate.
14 An inquiry with the California DMV revealed a Land Rover registered to Yessica Hernandez at 3636
15 Logan Avenue has been assigned California license plate number 6AIC819. Agents have observed this
16 vehicle parked at the target location on a regular basis.

17 IV

18 SEARCH PROTOCOL FOR COMPUTERS

19 19. This section describes the procedures that will be employed during this search to
20 minimize the intrusion represented by the search of any electronic data found at the target location.

21 20. Searching agents will be asked to use an incremental approach in searching for relevant
22 electronic material. If the agents are able to examine relevant portions of computer drives to identify
23 responsive material within a reasonable time period on-site, then the agents will attempt to create
24 forensic images of computers or laptops seized. However, if the agents cannot perform the search
25 within a reasonable period on-site, will they employ alternate procedures to complete the review off-site.
26 In that case, the computer expert will create forensic images of electronic data sources as necessary to
27 complete the search off-site.
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1 21. A forensic image is an exact physical copy of a computer hard drive or other similar
2 electronic storage media. A forensic image thus captures all of the data on the hard drive (or other
3 media) without the data being viewed and without changing the data in any way. There are many
4 reasons why it is not feasible to conduct a forensic analysis of data on-site. First, analysis of the data
5 following the creation of the forensic image is a highly technical process that requires specific expertise,
6 equipment and software. Second, there are literally thousands of different hardware items and software
7 programs that can be commercially purchased, installed and custom-configured on a user's computer
8 system. Third, it is only after a thorough examination and analysis, that a trained computer forensic
9 examiner can determine whether he needs to obtain specialized hardware or software (not to mention
10 specialized training on the specialized software) in order to view and analyze the data contained in
11 electronic form.

12 22. The analysis of data on a computer may also be an extremely tedious and time consuming
13 process. In addition, to requiring special technical skills, equipment and software, it may take days to
14 properly search a single hard drive for specific data. With current technology, each search "hit" must
15 be reviewed in its context by an agent to determine whether the data is within the scope of the warrant.
16 In other words, merely finding a good "hit" does not end the review process.

17 23. Analyzing data on-site has become increasingly impossible as the volume of data stored
18 on a typical computer system has increased. For example, a single gigabyte of storage space (i.e., 1,000
19 megabytes) is the equivalent of 500,000 double-spaced pages of text. Computer hard drives capable of
20 storing 100s of gigabytes of data are becoming quite common in newer desktop computers.

21 24. In addition to the sheer volume, the data may be stored in a variety of formats or
22 encrypted. The volume of data of course extends the time that it takes to analyze the image in a
23 laboratory. Running keyword searches takes longer and results in more hits that must be individually
24 examined for relevance. Moreover, certain file formats do not lend themselves to keyword searches
25 (e.g., many common electronic mail, database and spreadsheet applications do not store data as
26 searchable text).

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25. Based on the foregoing, searching any computer or forensic image for the information subject to seizure pursuant to this warrant may require a range of data analysis techniques and may require off-site analysis.

26. Nevertheless, all forensic analysis of the imaged data will be directed exclusively to the identification and seizure of information within the scope of this warrant. In the course of proper examination, the forensic examiner may view information that is potentially privileged or not within the scope of the warrant. If so, this information will not be made available to the investigating agents unless it appears to the examiner that the information relates to the commission of offenses not covered by this warrant. In that event, the examiner will confer with the investigator and/or the prosecuting attorney so that they can determine whether to seek a further search warrant for the newly uncovered data.

27. All seized computers shall be returned to the defendants or the defendant's agent within 10 calendar days. If agents need more time than 10 days to complete the mirror imaging, the Government will seek from the Court an extension of time within which to return the applicable devices and/or equipment.

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SEARCH PROTOCOL FOR CELLULAR TELEPHONES AND PDAS

28. With respect to any and all electronically stored information in cellular phones or PDA at the target locations, agents respectfully request that this Court authorize the agents to access, record, and seize the following:

- a. telephone numbers of incoming/outgoing calls stored in the call registry;
- b. Digital, cellular, and/or telephone numbers and/or direct connect numbers, names and identities stored in the directories;
- c. Any incoming/outgoing text messages regarding violations of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 843(b), 846, 952, 960, and 963, and/or 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(5), and 1956;
- d. telephone subscriber information;
- e. the stored telephone numbers dialed from the cell phone and/or PDA; and
- f. any other electronic information in the stored memory and/or accessed by the

1 active electronic features of the digital or cellular phone including but not limited to photographs,
2 videos, e-mail, and voice mail regarding violations of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 843(b), 846, 952, 960,
3 963, and/or 18 U.S.C. § 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(5), and 1956.

4 29. If the agents cannot analyze the cellular telephone or PDA on site, they may send the
5 cellular telephone or PDA to the Regional Crime Forensic Lab (RCFL) or the DEA Digital Lab to all
6 analysts or forensic examiners to examine, analyze, and make a record of the contents of the information
7 stored in the seized cellular telephone or PDA.


8 VI

9 CONCLUSION AND SEALING REQUEST


10 30. Based on my training and experience, consultation with other special agents and law
11 enforcement officers, and all of the facts and opinions set forth in this affidavit, there is probable cause
12 to believe that federal crimes have been committed, including controlled substances offenses under 21
13 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 843(b), 846, 952, 960, 963, firearm offenses under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(5), and
14 money laundering offenses under 18 U.S.C. § 1956. There is also probable cause to believe that
15 property constituting evidence of the offenses, contraband, fruits of crime or things otherwise criminally
16 possessed, and property designed or intended for use or which is or has been used as a means of
17 committing the criminal offenses will be found in the target location described further in Attachment
18 A.

1 31. Because this is an ongoing investigation and premature disclosure of the investigation
2 could endanger agents and officers, cause the target subjects and others to flee and cause destruction of
3 evidence, I request that this affidavit, the application for the search warrant, the search warrant, and all
4 other associated court records be sealed until further court ordered.

5 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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8 LESLIE C. TOMAICH
Special Agent
Drug Enforcement Administration

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10 Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 29th day of October, 2007.

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12 HONORABLE WILLIAM MCCURINE, JR.
13 United States Magistrate Judge
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